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## MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

### Linda Bunyan



Your enthusiastic and energetic Executive Committee has already met twice since our Spring Meeting. On June 12,

we held the transition meeting from outgoing to incoming officers. On August 7, we finalized planning for the Fall Meeting, and laid the groundwork for the Spring Meeting.

Patty Augustine is continuing on the Executive Committee for another year to establish a system for archiving OHSLA records. Chris Williams is leaving her post as Communications Chair and newsletter editor, after serving for two years with lovely, colorful newsletters. Succeeding her is Marilyn Roe. I have had the pleasure of working with Marilyn in previous committee positions, and am delighted to welcome her to the Executive Committee of OHSLA.

After building a very attractive webpage for us, Marcia Poggione has requested that we find a replacement for her position as Webmaster. At the August 7 meeting, Barb Van Brimmer volunteered staff at Ohio State University to assume basic maintenance of the site until a more permanent arrangement can be made. One member has expressed interest in receiving mentoring to-

wards the goal of eventually assuming the Webmaster position; Barb's staff has agreed to explore this possibility.

Our treasury remains healthy under the supervision of Bette Sydelko. The fall meeting on October 19 will include some spending proposals requiring the approval of members. Your attendance at that meeting will provide the guidance the Executive Committee needs in order to fulfill your desires for the direction of this organization.

Other major initiatives this year will be the improvement of our publicity efforts in order to attract new members and meeting attendees, as well as beginning a major by-laws revision to better serve the complexities of running this organization.

The Fall Meeting features a topic of growing interest: gerontology and serving the information needs of an aging population and the healthcare professionals serving them. The Dayton location is a venue for OHSLA. I am looking forward to seeing you on the Wright State University campus on October 19.

The names and e-mail addresses of your officers are included in every newsletter. I trust you will always feel open to contacting OHSLA officers with suggestions for improving our service to you.

## THE RAC REINVENTED

*By Clare Leibfarth*  
*OHSLA RAC Representative*

In May, NLM awarded a nearly \$6.3 million contract to the University of Illinois at Chicago to continue providing services to the Greater Midwest Region of the National Network of Libraries of Medicine. Congratulations!

With the new contract, the Regional Advisory  
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The spring meeting attracted 36 registrants for Michelynn McKnight's 4-hour CE class on "Proving Your Worth: Professional, Business and Political Skills." Michelynn's lively presentation emphasized the importance of projecting ourselves as professionals through our appearance; the effective oral and written communication of our library's services, accomplishments, and needs; and active participation in professional associations. Professionals radiate effectiveness by doing the right things, and efficiency by doing things right.

Attendees were urged to be proactive by moving outside the library walls to establish communication with the movers and shakers throughout our parent organizations, especially those not already familiar with the library and its potential usefulness to them. We were counseled to remember that "sacred cows become hamburger."

Of the 28 people returning evaluations, all rated the program as either "excellent" or "good."

The highlight of the business meeting was the recognition of outgoing officers, especially Barbara Van Brimmer, who was unable to attend due to health (she's fully recovered now!). Kathy Davies offered the GMR report, as one of her last official duties before moving on to the Medical College of Georgia.

Patty Augustine, as chair of Nominations, announced a tie for the RAC representative. As our by-laws do not address this possibility, a tie-breaking vote was held among those present, with Clare Leibfarth the winner. A by-laws committee will include this issue in their proposed revisions.

Thanks to Pam Elwell for local arrangements at the attractive Siegel Center of Mount Carmel East Hospital.

With this, I conclude my duties as President-Elect, passing that torch to Pamela Bradigan. Thanks to all of you for supporting OHSLA programs; I look forward to continuing my work with you as President.

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Council has been reorganized. The RAC has five committees: Education, Technology, Consumer Health, Resource Sharing and Communications. The committees work with the GMR staff in assessment, program development and evaluation. The chairs of the five committees then serve on the RAC Board, which meets annually with the GMR staff to review GMR progress and plan the next year's activities. If you would like to see a detailed description of the committees and their charges along with meeting agendas and minutes, visit the recently updated GMR web page: <http://nnlm.gov/gmr/rac>.

The RAC committees may be new, but they are already hard at work! The RAC Board had their first meeting in late July and the five committees will meet in August and September. As your Ohio "State Council" Representative, I have been appointed to the Resource Sharing Committee where I will serve with fellow Ohioans Ginger Saha (Chair; Cleveland Health Sciences Library), Roni Greenburg (Barberton Public Library) and Collette Mak (OCLC). We will meet on September 10 in Chicago. As chair, Ginger Saha also serves on the RAC Board.

Three other Ohioans are



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## WHSLA Legislative Activities

### Wisconsin Library Legislation

BadgerLink full-text database cost increases and other items funded by the state universal service fund represent the **only** additional funding passed by the Wisconsin Legislature. Any funding for additional resources and services will be difficult in the present economy.

WHSLA should continue to support state funding for:

- Full-text databases, including CINAHL and PsycLIT
- TEACH T-1 eligibility for non-profit health care
- Increased UW electronic collection development funds
- Full funding for public library systems

### **Library Information Technology Advisory Committee**

This committee advises the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction, Division of Libraries, Technology, and Community Learning (DLTCL) on technology issues. We are currently updating the strategic plan online at <http://www.dpi.state.wi.us/dpi/dlcl/pld/techplan.html>. I have suggested adding the first two items above. At our September meeting, the hot issue was how to pay for WISCAT. Members discussed the impact of the proposed WISCAT costs document, online at <http://www.wiscat.lib.wi.us/091701.html>.

### LSTA Advisory

This committee advises on how to spend Wisconsin's allocation under the federal Library Services and Technology Act. Funds support statewide technology projects, interlibrary loan delivery, public library and library system technology, and projects for special needs youth. Most funds go to DLTCL or public libraries and

library systems. We will meet November 6 and 7 in Madison, with a public hearing November 6. I will be unable to attend the first day. If anyone can testify for WHSLA on the WISCAT issue or other concerns, please contact me.

My term is up at the end of this meeting. Peg Branson will be looking for another special librarian to fill my slot. If interested, please contact me or our WHSLA President.

—Submitted by  
Peg Allen  
Library Consultant

## Jean Sayre Leaves Greater Midwest Region

I have really enjoyed being the Associate Director of the GMR for the past 5 years. This position has allowed me the luxury of getting to know so many of the great librarians in the GREATEST REGION, and to have the pleasure of working with the fine people at NLM and at the UIC Library of the Health Sciences.

I feel it is a good time to move on. There is a talented staff in place at the GMR to fulfill the contract and serve as your resource people. The Director, Susan Jacobson is dedicated to providing great service to the people in the Region. After October 9th, if you have questions, send an email to [gmr@uic.edu](mailto:gmr@uic.edu) and the person who can best answer your question will get back to you.

Thank you for a wonderful 5 years--I'm glad I'm staying in the Region--I have decided to accept the position of Director of the Hardin Health Sciences Library at the University of Iowa. Iowa--I really look forward to working with you all!!

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